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WHY THE MAIL WAS LATE.

Army and Navy News

Walter Dillingham, head of the Hawaiian Dredging Company, which has the contract for dredging the Pearl Harbor channel and inner basin for the Navy Department, did not stop in San Francisco, but went on to Washington, and may return in the Manchuria. The delay of the government in getting the big end of the appropriation against which the dredging company made its bid for the big dredging job, caused Mr. Dillingham to take this hurried trip to the seat of the national government. The dredging company bid on a \$3,000,000 job, and only about \$600,000 is available or in sight. The company had to start dredging at a certain time, but cannot go into the matter on a large scale on account of the apparent uncertainty in securing the whole appropriation.

The Marine Garrison.

Major Long, commandant of the marine garrison at Camp Verry, is of the opinion, in view of the importance of the local naval station, that the garrison, as a whole, will not be restored to sea duty again.

Suicide Not in Line of Duty.

The War Department has decided that the death of Lieut. John J. Moller, 8th Infantry, was not incurred in the line of duty. That officer was on leave of absence at the time he killed himself. An officer, whether absent with leave or without leave, is held to be outside of a duty status. An officer on leave who commits suicide clearly does so outside the line of duty, it is held, unless it can be shown that his self-inflicted death was the result of a condition of insanity which arose while the deceased was on a duty status. There was no allegation of insanity in the case of Lieut. Moller. In the case of an enlisted man who committed suicide, it appeared from the medical reports that the death of the soldier was due to dementia contracted in the Philippine Islands while on duty. In that case the death was considered to have been in the line of duty.

Resignation of Lieut. Mitchell.

The President has accepted the resignation of First Lieut. Hiram E. Mitchell, to take effect at once. Lieut. Mitchell is from Oregon and served as a captain and quartermaster in the volunteer army during the Spanish war. He was appointed first lieutenant in the Artillery Corps in September, 1901, and retired in December, 1906.

Appointed Naval Constructors.

Several officers of the line of the navy are to be transferred to the construction department of the navy. Among the number are Ensign Arthur W. Frank of the Yankton, Ensign Ralph T. Hanson of the Vermont and

Midshipman J. C. Hunsaker of the California. These young officers have been ordered to Boston to take a course of instruction in marine architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

THE CHAPERON.

After long debates in the London press significant of an impending crisis the English girl was officially liberated from the chaperon in 1900, when for the first time in London "high life" she ventured unaccompanied to dances and other social functions. The Boer war was then depleting Mayfair drawing-rooms of their usual complement of "golden lads," and the remnant were presumably so infirm of body or tame of spirit as to offer no great occasion for maiden alarms. The moment seemed propitious and was seized for trying an experiment meditated from of old.

Three main causes of this revolution have been indicated: The growth of feminine independence, the modern scientific rejuvenation of the matron, disinclining her to play the foil to natural youth, and the great American example. English writers on the subject have always assumed that this country is as hostile to chaperons as to kings, yet an inquirer, scanning the Washington or New York court circulars will see no ground for the assumption. By a "little irony" of international influence, leaders and disciples have in this case changed places, and the English girl, led into unchaperoned wilds by her American cousin, must know that her guide has doubled in her tracks. It happens, perhaps merely through a coincidence, that the English girl is at present similarly retrograde. After eight short years of emancipation she is resubmitting her tender neck, it appears, to the ancient yoke of chaperonage.—New York Sun.

In an action brought by a dentist in the Yorkville Municipal Court a few days ago against a printer for services rendered to the printer's wife it was alleged that the dentist had agreed to take pay for his professional services in printing. The testimony recalled the fact that a short time ago a dentist sent out a circular soliciting business. In this he said: "Having use for the goods you handle, I will take them in exchange for dental services or will pay you part cash." In one office building the circular reached a lawyer, an insurance broker, a correspondent for a European paper, a public accountant and a purchasing agent, none of whom felt justified in opening an account on the terms suggested.

Polly Prim—They tell me you are a dissipated young man. Now, I suppose you never see the sun rise. Jack Rapide—No, I don't often stay up quite that late.—Philadelphia Record.

CERVERA AND CHIVALRY.

Officers of the United States Navy, as well as the American people in general, have followed the reports of the illness of Admiral Cervera with mingled feelings of sympathy and regret. No Spanish officer emerged from the War of 1898 with a stronger hold upon the admiration of his country's adversaries than Admiral Cervera. His martyrdom to an inefficient bureaucracy, which sent him to sea with wholly inadequate ships; his courage and self-devotion in trying to take his ill-fated squadron out of Santiago harbor; his chivalrous treatment of Richmond Pearson Hobson and other American prisoners, and his noble demeanor while a prisoner of war in the United States, revived the noblest traditions of Spanish fortitude, magnanimity and gallantry. When Captain Moren, of the Spanish cruiser the Cristobal Colon, was in New York he was interviewed by a reporter who, in the excess of his patriotism, put this rather indelicate question to the vanquished naval officer, "What do you think, Captain Moren, of the chivalry of a nation whose women greet the admiral of a hostile power with kisses and flowers?" a reference to the way Admiral Cervera was lionized by American women on his way to a military prison. The bluff, old captain of the Colon, who spoke English fluently, lifted his eyebrows, and, smiling indulgently, politely replied: "And what do you think of an admiral who could draw your brave Hobson from the water and kiss him in admiration of his courage? Remember, young man, chivalry is the monopoly of no nation."

"The diminutive Japanese actress Hanoka was the attraction at the Passage Theatre last night," writes an Englishman to a London paper, "and although she rendered the joys and sorrows of 'Otake,' I was deeply moved by her performance. From the jolly masquerade with which the play begins, to the end when the heroine dies, the interest never flags. For thirty minutes she held us in breathless wonder at her marvellous power to portray all the emotions from hilarity to the dreadful end, and so realistic was the portrayal of the final scene that we were pleased when the curtain arose again to see the little woman smile in answer to the well earned applause."

"Papa!"
"Yes, daughter."
"Who was Cinderella?"
"Why, Cinderella, my child, was the first woman to get a No. 4 foot into a No. 2 shoe, I believe."—Yonkers Statesman.

"So you enjoy going into the woods and living next to nature?"
"Yes," answered the energetic citizen. "But the greatest satisfaction of a hunting trip is derived from the arguments you can have with the naturalists after it is over."—Washington Star.

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